

The following gentlemen compose the Congressional committee for the fourteenth district: C. C. Kerckhoff, of McLean; W. H. Plumb, of Platt; W. H. Kretzinger, of Logan; C. E. Emory, of Mason; W. H. Booth, of DeWitt.

EX-GOVERNOR JOHN A. T. BERRY, of Pueblo, Colorado, who retired from office the 8th of last month, is charged with having appropriated to his own use \$15,000 to \$20,000 intrusted to him by the administrators of estates. Berry is a prominent Democrat.

It is now reported that Gen. Grant has announced himself as favoring the nomination of Gen. Logan for President. He regards the Illinois Senator as the most available candidate, a man of ability, courage and integrity, and says he is more a man of the people than Edmunds, of Vermont, whom he also thinks would make a good candidate.

The members of the Illinois Press Association, while in Baltimore, were the guests of the Charles A. Vogelzang Company, manufacturers of St. Jacob's Oil, and the princely manner in which they were treated will doubtless give to that sovereign remedy for all pain a vast amount of free advertising. Great is St. Jacob's Oil, and mightily showed its manufacturer.

Times are evidently brightening. The record shows a less number of business failures last week than for a long time, and the amounts involved are exceptionally small. Prices of stocks are steadily advancing, and there is every indication that the bottom has been reached and that the tendency hereafter will be upward. All of which will be good medicine for the Democrat.

According to the Army Register for 1881, we have now about 28,000 officers and enlisted men on the active list, the number varying from month to month on account of recruiting and of discharges, which average ten a day the year around. The number of retired officers is 435. There are over 1,000 forts and posts, it appears, 50 of which are not garrisoned, and there are also 23 arsenals, and engine and engine stations to be looked after.

In a recent number of *The Overland*, one of the brightest papers ever issued in Chicago, Mr. Henry Waterson, a contributor, writes a remark that "the Democrats, as a national stand, are a dead weight." All things considered, the country is well to do; and, in the absence of some distinct proposal embracing a change of policy, the old regimen of letting well enough alone may be used with considerable force and reason by the Republican leaders. There is that the coming of the Democratic party appears. The "I" men are to thank the fourth term for a lucky for a change, and that the country is well to do, and that the Republican crying for a change is a comic side.

Hon. LAURENCE SWARTZ, of Chicago, who was an intimate friend of President Lincoln, writes a letter to the *Chicago Tribune* concerning a conversation he had with him in relation to the Fitz John Porter case. Mr. Lincoln, pointing to a large pile of manuscript upon his table, said it was the record of the evidence in the case, and then, saying that he had read every word of it, added, "I know anything it is what evidence tends to prove, and when a thing is proven, and I tell you Fitz John Porter is guilty and ought to be shot." Mr. Swartz further says that the remainder of Mr. Lincoln's remarks on the subject were to the effect that "Porter was willing the poor soldiers should die, while he, from sheer jealousy, stood within hearing of the guns waiting for the shot to be whizzed. This was when the whole subject was fresh, and is worth more than any of the fine spun theories drawn out twenty years afterwards by men who have no personal knowledge of the matter."

A story is in circulation at Washington that in order to conciliate his opponents in Ohio and to secure their co-operation in securing the Democratic Presidential nomination, Senator-elect Payne, of Ohio, will retire from the Senate soon after the 4th of March to make way for Pendleton, and that he has promised Thackeray the Secretaryship of State in the event of his election and Gen. Drubin Ward a life judgeship. Bookwater is said to be the political diplomat who has carried on the negotiations.

WATSON DRUG WHITE Dress Shirts, at B. Baker's. \$2.50 shirts for \$2.00 at J. W. Baker's. Do not enter with you, can be a suit of underwear at John Lewis's White Front, for 25 cents.

BY TELEGRAPH

THE DELUGE.

All Former High-Water Marks Washed Away.

Indescribable Scenes of Suffering and Loss in the Submerged Districts.

Tens of Thousands Homeless and Destitute People Dependent Upon Outside Assistance for Food and Shelter.

Whole Towns Swept Out of Existence—Heartrending Scenes of Suffering—The Work of Relief.

St. Louis, Feb. 12.—A dispatch from Cincinnati, dated 6 o'clock yesterday, says the day has been one of the greatest excitement since the flood began. The stage of the water of last year was passed at 10 o'clock yesterday. A slight rise and fall during the greater part of the day together with reports of general rains in every place where it would run into the Ohio, made it certain that a still more dangerous flood will be upon the already unfortunate people of the Ohio valley. The experience of last year made the people bold in confronting the dangers they had once met and overcome, but when now a new and more serious danger is upon them, the experience of last year is of little avail. The water supply seems to be accumulating. There are reports of heavy rain all over the valley with careful work, but one big flood would make serious trouble on that point. At West, all nobody knows when the limit of the flood will be reached. The rising water above and in all the tributaries under it, certainly the river must continue to rise for some time. How long and how high the rise will be are points of conjecture and fear. The rate increased yesterday afternoon to an inch an hour, and during the last four hours it has risen three-fourths of an inch. It is hardly possible to give an idea of the situation. The mass of the people cannot see the river, and the body of the river.

At Evansville, Ind., at noon yesterday, the river was at 46 feet 6 inches below last year's record, which it is not likely will be reached.

At Lawrenceburg, Ind., the situation is serious. The river is at 46 feet 6 inches below last year's record, which it is not likely will be reached.

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CRUSHED BY ICE.

Arrival in New York of the Nottingham's.

The Captain's Story of How the Frozen Vessel was Wrecked—Mountain of Ice in Mid-Ocean—Deadly.

New York, Feb. 12.—The steamship State of Nebraska, from Glasgow, arrived at quarantine Monday night, having on board the officers and crew of the Nottingham, which was struck twice by an iceberg on the 27th of January, and abandoned three days later, when she was met by the Nebraska. "We left London on the 20th of January," said Capt. Bennett of the Nottingham to a correspondent on the Nebraska. "On board there was a miscellaneous cargo, and we were ninety-two men and passengers all told. We passed Gravesend on the 29th, and for the next following days had a westerly gale which kept increasing in strength until the 23d, when the wind blew a hurricane. Everything was battered down, but the wind got stronger every day. It blew nearly all the time from west and south-west. On the 27th the hurricane felt out, and we had no wind and very easy sailing. This continued until February 2d, when it got very cold. In the evening about 9 o'clock we heard strong grating across the keel and sides of the vessel. It was too dark to see anything of the surface of the ocean, but we concluded that we had got into a large field of drift ice. Instantly I ordered the engines to be stopped, for I was afraid lest we might damage the hull by running into some of the thick cakes of ice. The noise of the ice on the hull kept increasing, and we knew that the hull was getting more and more damaged. All hands were kept on duty, and everything put in readiness to lower the boats at a moment's notice, for in the darkness we could not see whether we were in any great danger. Only enough force was kept up by the engines to give the vessel headway. There was less danger to be apprehended while she was bow on than if she should happen to be struck on the broad side. At five minutes before midnight we were going down the river, when suddenly the vessel was struck with great force at the stern, near the bridge.

The steamer then lurched at the shock, and half the crew fell to the deck. The light from our lamps was suddenly reflected into our eyes from the white sides of a gigantic iceberg, loomed up as high as the mast heads. The vessel ran into the engine room, and almost instantly she was struck again near the engine room. The crew were all thrown to the deck, as the vessel rolled and slipped beneath the shock, but when we rose in our feet we thought that the danger was past, for we heard the splash of the sea on our stern, whether the iceberg had passed or not we could not tell. We were congratulating ourselves, but the engineer rushed upon the deck greatly excited and reported that the sea was pouring into the engine room, and that his crew had been extinguished. Then I went below and saw that the iceberg had knocked two immense holes in the hull at the last bow, through one of which the water was pouring like a torrent. There was no way of patching, but the captain and his assistants placed large pieces of canvas on the outside over the holes and the vessel was allowed to drift broad side to the force of the waves, but the canvas was blown away and kept out of the water. This all happened about midnight on Saturday, February 2d. When Sunday morning dawned we saw nothing but ice. In the forenoon the vessel was drifted off to starboard, but as far as the eye could see there was nothing but one vast field of small and large floes, some of them in hummocks two or three feet above the level of the sea. We were in a very poor condition and liable to sink at any moment if the canvas should be torn from the aperture. All the Sabbath morning our men were at work, cutting the canvas and keeping it about the vessel to save the edge of the ice field, and later the same day, with a sight of relief.

Our crew were clad with the sight of the iceberg, and we were all very much excited. Late in the afternoon, probably about 3 o'clock, one of the crew raised a shout, "a vessel, a vessel." Then we saw a large three-masted steamer, with a black funnel, she seemed to be passing on to the west. We had signals of distress flying and the men ran up to the rigging and waved everything they could lay their hands on, but the steamer passed by without noticing us. For two days we drifted about helpless and with death creeping near to us, for the water in the hold kept on increasing in depth every hour, though we were all taking care to give pumps and everything had been cast overboard except our provisions. Some of the men wished to take to the boats, but I showed them the folly of doing so, and they remained on board. The steamer, after a great search for our "elusive" ship, finally gave up and passed on. On the morning of the day of the rescue the State of Nebraska passed through a small field of ice which was to have been a detached portion of the field which caused such a disaster to the Nottingham. The Nebraska lay at anchor all night and came up to this point in the morning. The steamer, which was built at Glasgow in 1882 and belonged to the port of Liverpool. She was an iron vessel of 2,616 tons burden. She was built long, 3 feet broad and 28 feet deep. She was built with a hull of steel and had two screws and two compartments, and was owned by the Twin Screw Steamship Company. She did not carry any passengers.

Washed Whisky. WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Representatives Willis and Thompson, of Kentucky, and Gen. Ramm made arguments before the Ways and Means Committee yesterday for an extension of the bonded period for whisky. They said it legislation favoring the trade were not enacted the whisky interests would be reduced to bankruptcy and all classes of business directly connected with it would be seriously injured.

Cheap Excursions. Thomas Birvis will manage two more excursions to Southern Kansas and Southwestern Missouri, the first on Tuesday, Feb. 15th, and the second on Feb. 19th, over the Washburn and Ft. Scott. For further particulars see Thomas Birvis at Hand's book store. He will also give excursions to California, Oregon and Washington Territory, and all Pacific points.

1,000 Corsets. Owing to our great desire to supply every want or demand in the above named department, we have been enabled to accumulate a stock of this class of merchandise away beyond a reasonable demand. We have therefore inaugurated a clearance sale, and will sell:

The Best Dollar Corset at 75 cents; The Best 75c Corset at 50 cents; and a very excellent 50c Corset at 25c. Big 18. 314-41w

To Housekeepers. This is the most important exhibition that has visited the city. The ladies of Decatur and vicinity are respectfully invited to attend and see the new and improved Prof. Hoffer's Phosphoric Baking Powder, now going on in this city. Ladies call and sample the hot biscuits made without the use of lard.

Go to Dr. Thomas S. Hoskins to get your dental work done. Cor. Main and Water streets, Decatur, Ill. 21d

Wilson Bros' fine dress shirts for sale at B. Baker's. \$3.00 shirts for \$2.50 at J. W. Baker's.

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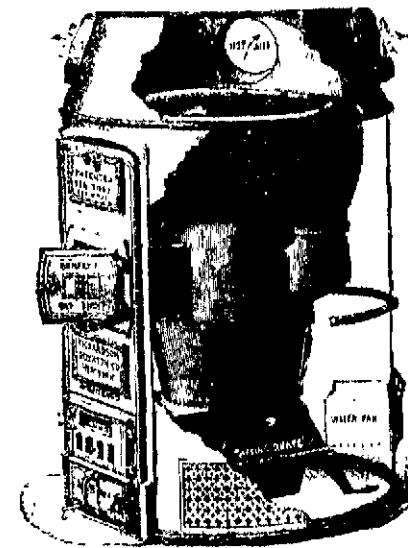
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Our Cheap Sale

OF
Embroideries and White Goods
Continues Until Further Notice.

And in addition we have placed on sale this a. m., a large lot of LADIES' and MISSES' FELT HATS at 25 cts. Former price \$1.00.

Also a large and better lot at 50c, former prices \$1.25 to \$2.00. We also put on sale 10 dozen Children's Wooden Stockings, assorted at 25c a pair, worth from 40c to 50c. Also a large lot of Ladies' and Misses' Hosiery, choice 40c, worth 50 to 75c. Great Bargains and just the kind for this weather. Come and get them.

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Feb. 5—d&wt

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TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 12, 1884

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

UNTIL further notice our price on 1847 Rogers Bros. knives is \$2.50 a dozen, or \$1.25 a set. E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.

Trade in valentines is brisk.

Revival services every evening this week at the German Methodist church.

Day store wood at McClelland's 121st

SAM LEE, 130 North Water street—machine ironed shirts, 10 cents, collars 8 cents, cuffs 5 cents per pair. due 11-15

This rain causes the water to run swiftly in the gutters to-day.

SEARS are selling fast for "7-20-8" to be given to-morrow night.

F. D. QANDWELL has the best grades of hard coal.

THE Shugamoon is considerably out of its banks to-day, having risen last night and this forenoon.

DECATUR is to have electric light this week. You can see it at the hotels and at some of the stores.

PETER ULLMAN, the popular East Main street grocer, will supply you with No. 4 coffee and Safford soap.

HARD and SOFT Coal at Martin's. nov12-dit

Meeting of North Main street property owners at the city hall on Thursday night.

No frozen skating to-night at the tabernacle on account of the weather. Per order of Mr. VanAllen.

THE J. N. Hoyt sale of fine stock will take place near Harriestown on the 27th.

A WALK from to-night will occur the Knights of Pythias hall. Those who have received invitations should secure tickets at once.

FINE fruits, canned goods, and an excellent line of family groceries, at Hanks & Patterson's new store, in Whitcomb block.

DR. J. N. RANDALL has a scholarly communication on another page, relative to the medical profession.

PAUL shooting gallery, opposite post office. 2341st

THE new company has bought out the old gas company at Bloomington, and now it is predicted the price of gas will go dancing upward again.

CONVENTIONS of every description, from town and country, solicited at the headquarters of the W. O. T. U. reading room and dining hall, South Water St.

\$3.00 shows for \$2.50 at J. W. Baker's.

A GENTLEMAN down from Marion to-day confirms the report that Dr. Axon is slowly mending. He also states that there will be a big law suit when the Doctor is able to be about again, and that the town will be considerably wrought up about it.

WHAT will stop my coughing at night? Burke's White Pine Balsam. 50 cents.

If you want soft coal that will not fill your stove with clinker, order well screened Mt. Olive of R. McCLELLAND, 112-dit

LAST week Constable Weisell conducted the auction sale of the A. A. Bishop stock of furniture and other goods. The goods brought a total of \$822, which more than paid off the indebtedness of Mr. Bishop.

STORY at J. W. Taylor's, jr., shop, and get prices on the best farm harness ever made.

IT was Theo. Bobb who swore out a warrant for the arrest of Wm. C. Shriver for stealing his chickens. The accused, who is past 18, gave \$250 bail for his appearance on Monday next before Justice Corley for trial.

ASK all leading dealers for Schroeder's celebrated Bohemian cigars—only a nickel each.

G. B. PAXSON will supply you with the celebrated Haines Bros' pianos. Call at his music store, in opera block, and get prices and terms.

THE best of canned goods and tip-top family flour at Nicolmeyer's on the mound.

THE death of William C. Stoner, aged 34 years, occurred in Edwards county, Texas, on January 30th. Deceased was a son of T. C. Stoner, of Mt. Zion township, this county.

GRUBBER LITHON COAT, bright and clean, at McCLELLAND'S. 112st

SER Tuller & Parks, the new feed merchants, and get plenty of good hay and corn. They deliver to any part of the city.

NEUROTHER, CHEESE, Pine Apple Cheese, Edam Cheese, Swiss Cheese and Limburg Cheese, Florida Oranges, Florida Mandarines, Valencia Oranges, Messina Oranges and Choice Lemons, at D. H. HERRMAN'S, Merchant St. 9-43t

ORDER Decatur coal, lump and nut, from F. D. Caldwell. 10-17dt

THIS forenoon Joseph Hill, of the town of Latham, was released into the angry presence of Justice Lowry, by Officer Acker, where a charge of carrying a revolver concealed on his person was proven against him. The gun contained seven cartridges. Hill was drunk yesterday and while on his way to the depot in company with the officer he flourished the pistol. He was fined \$10 and costs. He had two five-dollar bills and these were confiscated as part payment for the fine. Hill will go to Latham this evening. His effects embrace a return ticket to Latham, two bottles of whiskey, a quart and a pint, six oranges, a knife, and other trappings.

MEN'S, Women's and Children's Arctic Overcoats, at BARNES & BAKERS.

ORDER your hard coal from F. D. Caldwell. P. O. Block. 10-17 dt

NO OTHER medicine is so reliable as Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for colds, coughs, and all the derangements of the respiratory organs tending toward consumption. In all ordinary cases it is a certain cure, and it affords relief for the asthmatic and consumptive, even in advanced stages of disease.

GENTLEMEN: We are glad you like our advertisements, but you flatter us too much when you copy them.

USE Palmes Tooth Soap, prepared by Dr. Thos. B. Hoekins & Co., Decatur, Ill. Sold by all druggists.

THE JENNEY ELECTRIC LIGHT.

It Will Be in Use in Decatur This Week—The Subscribers.

The Decatur Electric Light Co., of which Dr. S. T. Trowbridge is president, will have the Jenney light ready for use this week. As soon as the carbon points and globes arrive from Chicago all connections will be made and the "plant" on Mason street. Below we give the names of those who have contracted for the light for a year:

St. Nicholas hotel 2 lights.
New Denning hotel 2 " "
Thomas Andrews 1 " "
George A. Keller 1 " "
Tobernale 1 " "
John Irwin 1 " "
Postoffice 1 " "
B. Stine 1 " "
L. L. Forrester & Co. 2 " "
George F. Miller 1 " "
Andrew Rothman 1 " "
Palace hotel (outside) 1 " "
Steinhack & Dieckhoff 1 " "
Philip Biebsame 1 " "
Smith's opera house (in front) 1 " "
Powers & Hawthorn 1 " "
E. D. Bartholomew, L. Fleury, C. H. Bechard, J. R. Rose & Co., and other merchants are considering the matter of using the electric illumination.

It costs \$12 a month to 10 o'clock at night; \$10 to 12 o'clock, and \$20 for all night.

The Webster case.

The case of the City vs. the Webster Railway Company, charged by J. Q. A. Odor with wrongfully obstructing the Water street crossing of the road, will come up before Justice Lowry on Tuesday next.

Land Sale.

Saturday last John A. Brown sold at master's sale at the court house door 60 acres of untiled land 10 miles southwest of Decatur to Henry Kuter at \$57.50 per acre, subject to a lease for a year, total \$4,600. He also sold 30 acres of timber land, four miles southwest of Decatur, at \$71 per acre, total \$2,130. The purchaser was Mr. Henry; also 20 acres of timber, 5 1/2 miles southwest, to Mr. Henry at \$44 per acre, total \$880; also 10 acres of prairie land, near the 80 acre tract, to J. N. Odor at \$54 per acre, \$540, subject to a four years' lease. Grand total of sale, \$6,950. Land about Decatur costs money.

A Solid Board.

At the regular meeting of the Decatur Turn Verein held at their hall on the 10th instant, the following named gentlemen were elected members of the Board of Trustees for a term of one year: Edward C. Bussey, Henry Metz and Peter Halmacher. The new board is a good one, and it is sincerely necessary to wish that the Turners made an excellent selection.

The New Factory.

Last week the Fairbanks Sewing Machine Company settled upon the location at Springfield for its enterprise, and purchased 254 acres of land south of the flow factory, formerly owned by Elijah E. Hies and Obed Lewis. The Post says that the building to be erected in the spring will be 300x40 with a return of 200x25, which is to be of brick. A foundry and machine shop is to be separate from the main main building. The company expect to employ at least 600 people. They will also sink a coal shaft near the factory, which is soon to be built, and furnish work for miners. Of course this will necessitate the erection of a number of dwellings and be the means of giving work to a number of citizens and increase Springfield's prosperity.

"The Boy of To-day."

Mrs. Mary A. Livermore killed her engagement at Wilmington, O., last Friday night at City Hall. Before the lecture and her hearers there was mutual delight. She was pleased with them, and they with her. Her theme was "The Boy of To-day," but in its discussion she found opportunity to introduce sketches of the history of other peoples, and to give her reasons for believing that the United States is to be the leading nation of the world.—Clinton (O.) Republican.

Mrs. Livermore will appear at the opera house Thursday night.

Bishop KRYBAT left for Chicago this afternoon. He was greeted by a good-sized congregation at the United Brethren church last night, despite the inclement weather, and delivered a fine discourse.

THE finest and best play to be given in Decatur will be "7-20-8" to-morrow night. It's a grand combination of new stage business and should be witnessed by all the play goers. Popular prices.

Notice.

I hereby warn all persons indebted to me not to pay any claims made upon them by outside parties in my name, as some notes and accounts of mine have been lost.

P. HERRMAN.

Feb. 12-6t

THE case of The People against Arthur Roney was continued in Justice Curtis court this morning until 1 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Roney is charged with having damaged harness owned by the Citizens' street car company. He is well known about Marion where it is said he has often figured in the courts.

Dismissed.

The hastily proceedings instituted last fall by Sarah A. Millman against John Millman came up in the county court yesterday afternoon. John presented a release properly signed by Sarah and on her motion the case was dismissed. The parties reside near Blue Mound.

THE W. O. T. U. are now settled in their new reading room and dining hall, on South Water street. We are thankful to the public for their patronage, solicit a continuance of the same and hope to make many friends, who will aid us in our new enterprise. Will gratefully receive contributions in the way of books, periodicals, &c., for our reading room, also furniture useful or ornamental, groceries and produce of every description. Will have a grand opening, the date not being now arranged, will be made public soon. Call and see us. THE LADIES.

NEUROTHER, CHEESE, Pine Apple Cheese, Edam Cheese, Swiss Cheese and Limburg Cheese, Florida Oranges, Florida Mandarines, Valencia Oranges, Messina Oranges and Choice Lemons, at D. H. HERRMAN'S, Merchant St. Feb. 9-43t

"That Husband of Mine," writes a lady, "is three times the man he was before he began to take Burke's White Pine Balsam for his lungs."

SHREKLEBARGER'S patent process flour saves one-half the labor in baking, and will make more bread to the pound than any other flour sold here. dec18d&wt

An Alarming Discovery.

While looking about for kindling yesterday afternoon Cyrus Moore, of the chicken and fish firm of Rogers & Moore on Prairie street, made an alarming discovery beneath a wagon in the alley at the rear of opera house block. Beneath one of the wagons owned by Rogers & Moore, Cyrus found a small straw hat nearly filled with two pounds of giant powder, enough to have blown up a whole block of buildings. The wagon stood at the rear of the Mrs. R. R. Montgomery lot, lately occupied by S. M. Irwin, the druggist. Rogers & Moore have a small stable at the rear of the lot, and they at first naturally supposed that some dynamite fiend intended to blow up their possessions. Capt. Hewes and Officer Brewer were notified of the discovery last evening, and they made an examination of the powerful explosive, which had been carefully removed to the fish store. The officers visited each of the powder houses in the city to inquire if any one had bought such powder yesterday. No giant powder had been sold at either place. The theory is that the powder had been stolen by some one unknown and hidden under the wagon. It had not been there longer than an hour when found. The officers will endeavor to discover who placed it there and for what purpose. One grain of the powder placed on a stove made a terrific report.

Married 25 Years.

The silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kain was celebrated on Monday, the 11th inst., at their residence at 208 East Eldorado street. There were present Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Grindel, Mr. and Mrs. George Stone, Mr. and Mrs. A. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Blaine, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stare, of Curro Gordo, Nev., and Mrs. W. H. Webster, and twenty-five other friends of the family. Among the gifts were a silver cake basket, table spoons, tea spoons, napkin rings, five silver dollars, sugar spoons, butter knife and a glass cake stand. When the hour arrived the guests were ushered into the dining room where a sumptuous dinner was spread, to which all did ample justice. The presents were highly appreciated by Mr. and Mrs. Kain. The evening was passed most pleasantly, music and social chat affording entertainment. The company dispersed at a seasonable hour wishing the couple many more such delightful anniversary celebrations.

Traveling.

Lafayette has imposed a house of \$25 per day on all commercial men who wish to sell goods to retailers in that city. It is unnecessary to remark that there is a great deal of "kicking" among wholesale traders.—Danville News.

A Ragging River.

The recent thaw and the rains have filled the Sangamon with plenty of muddy water, and to-day that river is on a big boom, but there is no immediate danger of the overflow submerging the business part of the city. The water is out of the banks and covers most of the bottom lands. The river fell a few inches yesterday, but it rose again last night and to-day. All the bridges are reported standing firm.

A TRAVELING picture peddler,

whose name is unknown, ought to have all the doors of residences in Decatur closed against him; yes, slammed in his face. He made a slanderous statement about Decatur at a dinner table yesterday, in the presence of a number of persons, and he should be kept out of every house in town. The substance of his declaration was that "Decatur is the filthiest town he ever visited, and that he had entered dwellings where dirt could be thrown out by the shovelful."

A BROKEN rail at Mitchell did some damage

to the St. Louis passenger train which left Decatur this morning. The only person hurt was the local brakeman and he is not seriously injured. All trains were delayed until late this forenoon.

MR. FRANK ROGERS, of the Herald,

has published an article making grave charges against me, said to be dictated by my wife, in my absence in Indiana, and whereas I sent a reply to said article to that paper and which up to this time they have not published, and these charges he against me, with the public. And as we have to look to the press for vindication, I hope you will be kind enough to publish the following reply to that article: Each allegation contained in the Herald's article of Jan. 27th is maliciously false (except as to tearing me and I think that untrue, as I have been home three times since and they were not frightened very much). I only warned them in Anna's letter not to sell or destroy any of the furniture, as it was mine. I never threatened a pistol in the house, nor struck a door in it with an axe. I paid for the lot, the building and all the material in the house (except the railing to the stairs) over \$1000. My wife nor her friend did not pay one cent toward it. She acknowledges she made a mistake in this charge. I was Mr. L. H. L. I did not open the blinds one night and shake my hand at them, and all the terrorizing I did was to insist that my clothes should be put in good order, a decent bed to be in, treated as a husband and father, all of which can be substantiated by my neighbors. Messrs. Editors, the truth is, my wife and daughters preferred to have a decent very good and comfortable, to hold to my presence in the home secured by long years of toil and sacrifice. M. W. TINKER.

MAILED.

In this city, at his office, by Judge S. P. Greer on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 1884, Mr. LEVY CATON and Miss ELIZABETH BARRY, both of Austin township, this county.

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An Answer Wanted.

Can any one bring us a case of Kidney or Liver Complaint that Electric Bitters will not speedily cure? We say they can, as thousands of cases already consummately cured and who are actually recommending Electric Bitters, will prove. Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Weak Back, or any urinary complaint quickly cured. They purify the blood, regulate the bowels and act directly on the diseased parts. Every bottle guaranteed.

For sale at 50 cents a bottle by Swearingen & Hubbard. al

Sure's Surprise Party.

His new line of latest styles of black wear. At ROCHSTER shoes worth \$4.00 and \$4.50 for \$3.00 and \$3.50 at J. W. Baker's. \$2.50 shoes for \$2.00 at J. W. Baker's.

A COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

Meeting of the County Fair Board at the Treasurer's Office.

A called meeting of the Macon County Agricultural Board was held Monday afternoon at the office of Treasurer Wood for the purpose of acting on the proposition to transfer the management of a stock company, that may be organized. There were present Messrs. J. G. Willard, president; John G. Imboden, secretary; H. C. Allen, W. T. Moffett, J. L. Connelly, J. M. Bailey and M. P. Funk.

After some general talk Mr. Moffett presented the following resolution which was adopted without a dissenting voice:

Resolved, By this Board that a committee to consist of the President and Secretary, with three other members of the board, to be appointed by the President, be formed, said committee to be authorized and shall have power to act in any transfer or assignment necessary to turn over to any new company or organization when a capital stock of not less than \$25,000 shall be subscribed, or ready to pledge, to the end that a good fair shall be held each year, the premiums to be paid in full and all secured by a bond that will conduce to a successful county or district fair and secure the payment of the indebtedness of the present board; and that such committee be fully authorized to act in the full board was acting according to their discretion in making such arrangements as may secure the ends desired for a good county fair, and that they report their doing to this board at a meeting called by the President, for its endorsement of their acts.

President Willard appointed Messrs. W. T. Moffett, John R. Miller and John G. Imboden.

The meeting then adjourned.

It is understood that there are a number of men of money in Decatur and in different parts of the county who are willing to take stock in a new company and assume the responsibility of fitting up the grounds in fine shape for giving successful fairs, and they will be ready to act when satisfactory arrangements can be made with the board to secure the the least will result in March may take final action in the matter, making a formal transfer of the lease to the new company, the prime mover in which is Mr. H. Z. Taylor and others.

"Our Strategists."

This play will be given here Saturday night by the Colonel Haverly company. This commendation is taken from the Chicago Tribune: "Our Strategists" is one of the funniest and most amusing performances ever seen here. The end of the third act caused almost a panic in the house. People leaned over their chairs on their neighbors' shoulders, doubled up and laughed—yes, roared, until many of them looked like so many apoplectic strokes. The company was called before the curtain at the end of each act. No such demonstration has ever been witnessed in the academy."

PERSONAL MENTION.

David Martin is at Springfield to-day on business.

R. L. Hockaday, of Mt. Zion, had time to visit this city to-day.

Owen Hare is held up with a dozen or more bruises received by a fall.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Ferguson, a son.

Judge Nelson, L. A. Buckingham and Theo. Lee are at Monticello attending court.

Mrs. Chas. H. Brown, who went to Chicago some weeks ago, is seriously ill. Her husband is with her.

J. W. Race has gone west on a 10 days' business trip. He will visit points in Kansas and other states.

Dr. Thomas Kerr, pastor of the Union Christian church, at Rockford, is ill with pneumonia and cannot recover.

Mrs. Frances Shollabarger will entertain the U. U. C. Club at her home to-morrow evening.

Mrs. Geo. H. Bacon, who has been seriously ill for several days, is now much better.

Miss Lelah Race will entertain the Young Ladies Cooking Club and friends Thursday evening.

Miss Jessie Dillon, who has been dangerously ill for two weeks, is now convalescent. She was able to sit up to-day and take nourishment.

Frank Curtis, Ed. Judson, Henry Elwood and Charles Irving, have received invitations to attend the Valentine ball at Clinton Friday night.

Senator Rogers, W. O. Johns and M. P. Kanan are among the Decatur people in Chicago to-day attending the Republican committee meeting.

Philip W. Taylor has been made president of the Decatur Mutual Life and Accident Relief Insurance Company, in place of J. B. Weekly, resigned.

News has reached the city that on the 9th inst. a son was born to Dr. and Mrs. Edward Hitchcock at Amherst, Mass. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Berry of this city.

Almer Bacon, of Sangamon, who lately returned to Decatur, has taken a leave of absence from his residence at the residence of John Lindsey. He is 75 years of age, and is well known to the older residents.

Thomas Pennwell, excursion agent for the P. D. & E., got home from Wellington and other points in Kansas to-day. He has several fine samples of Kansas corn which he has seen at his office, 141 Prairie street.

Gov. Hamilton left on from Springfield for Chicago Sunday night, and the Governor he would try and get the convention for the state capital. Pennell has sent in a big bid, and Chicago Republicans are said to be hounding for the distillery town.

Lincoln Journal: Captain Harris is striving to sell his interests in Logan county and emigrate to the west—probably to Washington Territory. He can leave here with \$150,000 cash, if his interests will bring what they are worth. He has interests in two coal shafts here, one in Decatur and one in Pana. Besides he has a great deal of city property and farms.

Clay Dempsey left this morning for Missouri in the interest of the Decatur furniture company. On a recent visit to Perry county Clay met parties who assured him that that county was sold for "Uncle Dick" for governor. The proceeding attorney at Pikeville is booming things for Oglesby. He is enthusiastic with a big E, and says Southern Illinois will do big things for the old veteran in the coming canvass.

BUSINESS CARDS.

A. T. SUMMERS, Attorney at Law and Notary Public, Largest Collection Business in the City. All legal business promptly attended to. Office, second door south of Court House. 29d&w2w

CALDWELL can furnish you Decatur coal on short notice. 10-17dt

NEW YORK MARKET.

WHEAT—\$1.04 Mar; \$1.12 Apr; \$1.15 May; \$1.18 Jun; \$1.21 Jul; \$1.24 Aug; \$1.27 Sep; \$1.30 Oct; \$1.33 Nov; \$1.36 Dec.

CORN—\$1.04 Mar; \$1.12 Apr; \$1.15 May; \$1.18 Jun; \$1.21 Jul; \$1.24 Aug; \$1.27 Sep; \$1.30 Oct; \$1.33 Nov; \$1.36 Dec.

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CLEARANCE SALE

Fall and Winter Goods

LINN & SCRUGGS

Will dispose of Fall and Winter Goods m now until the 20th of February reatly Reduced Prices.

Farmers and Mechanics, as well as the people generally, can profit by the Reduction.

Hosiery, Gloves, Underwear, Cloaks Shawls, Flannels, Blankets, Winter Dress Goods, Bleached and Brown Muslins, will show a marked difference in favor of the purchaser.

New Goods are received every day, so that our stock is kept fresh and complete in all departments.

DRY GOODS, CARPETS, OIL CLOTHS, WALL PAPERS and WINDOW MATERIALS of every description.

LINN & SCRUGGS,

Agents for Butterick's Patterns and Old Dominion Buck Gloves.

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